AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of the claims in this application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:

maintaining a centralized register of usage contexts and pre-stored user profiles of a user in an electronic device of a user, where each user profile of the user is being associated with at least one usage context,

entering a particular one of said plurality of usage contexts, said particular one being a selected usage context,

identifying said entering,

selecting from the centralized register a user profile in response to said identifying, and

performing authentication of the user of the electronic device in the selected usage context by using data from the selected user profile.

2. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein the selected user profile comprises at least one of the following: a user key, a user certificate.

3. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 2, wherein said user key further comprises at least one of the following a public key and a secret key.

4. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein the selected usage context comprises an event in a service or application being used in the electronic device by the user, said event further comprising at least one of the following: authentication event, verifying event.

5. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein the authentication comprises authenticating user's identity when accessing to the selected usage context.

6. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein the authentication comprises authenticating a transaction made by the user in the selected usage context.

7. (Currently Amended) An electronic device comprising:

a centralized register comprising usage contexts and pre-stored user profiles of a user of the electronic device, where each user profile is being associated with at least one usage context,

entering means for entering a particular one of said plurality of usage contexts, said particular one being a selected usage context,

identifying means for identifying said entering,

selecting means for selecting from the centralized register a user profile in response to said identifying, and

performing means for performing a user authentication in the selected usage context by using data from the selected user profile.

8. (Previously Presented) An electronic device according to claim 7, wherein said performing means are arranged to perform said authentication by using said data from the selected user profile to authenticate the user's identity when accessing the user to the selected usage context.

9. (Previously Presented) An electronic device according to claim 7, wherein said performing means are arranged to perform said authentication by using said data from the selected user profile to authenticate a transaction made by the user in the selected usage context.

10. (Previously Presented) An electronic device according to claim 8, wherein said user profile comprises at least one of the following: user key and user certificate.

11. (Previously Presented) An electronic device according to claim 10, wherein said user key further comprises public key and secret key.

12. (Previously Presented) An electronic device according to claim 11, wherein said electronic device is a mobile communication device.

13. (Currently Amended) An apparatus comprising:

a centralized register comprising usage contexts and pre-stored user profiles of a user of the apparatus, where each user profile is being associated with at least one usage context,

an interface for entering a particular one of said plurality of usage contexts, [[,]]

a processor configured to:

identifying said entering,

selecting from the centralized register a user profile in response to said identifying, and

performing authentication of a the user of the apparatus in the selected usage context by using data from the selected user profile.

14. (Currently Amended) A computer readable medium encoded with a computer program executable by a processor to perform actions of an electronic device for authenticating a user of said electronic device in a plurality of usage contexts the user is able to use, the actions comprising:

maintaining a centralized register of the usage contexts and prestored user profiles of the user of the electronic device in the electronic device of the user, where each user profile is being associated with at least one usage context,

entering to a particular one of said plurality of usage contexts, said particular one being a selected usage context,

identifying said entering,

selecting from the centralized register a user profile in response to said identifying, and

performing authentication of the user of the electronic device in the selected usage context by using data from the selected user profile.

15. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 13, wherein the processor is configured to perform said authentication by using said data from the selected user profile to authenticate the user's identity when accessing the user to the selected usage context.

16. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 13, wherein the processor is configured to perform said authentication by using said data from the selected user profile to authenticate a transaction made by the user in the selected usage context.

17. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 15, wherein said user profile comprises at least one of the following: user key and user certificate.

18. (Previously Presented) An electronic device according to claim 17, wherein said user key further comprises a public key and a secret key.

19. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 13, wherein said apparatus is a mobile communication device.